

APPROVED: Meeting No. 26-83

ATTEST: *Helen M. Heneghan*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
MEETING NO. 24-83

July 11, 1983

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in general session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, July 11, 1983, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor John R. Freeland

Councilman Douglas Duncan

Councilwoman Viola Hovsepien

Councilman John Tyner, II

ABSENT

Councilman Steve Abrams
(on travel leave)

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: Assistant City Manager Daniel Hobbs; City Clerk Helen Heneghan; City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: City Manager's Report

Mr. Hobbs reported the following:

1. The work on the Rt. 28 bridge over I-270 has been switched from day to night work because of too many day time traffic problems for the contractor.
2. The City Hall emergency generator is due to be shipped from the manufacturing plant by July 30 and should be installed within two weeks after that.
3. The wheel chair ramps on North Washington Street and Dawson Avenue are being installed this week.
4. The six-month permit users at the Civic Center have all renewed their permits and seem pleased with the new arrangements and adjusted rates.
5. As improvements are made to the Senior Citizen's transportation service the staff has suggested the use of taxis, but is continuing to monitor and evaluate the system and make adjustments where necessary. One of the adjustments is reinstituting the shopping bus to the Seniors. Mr. Hobbs passed out flyers announcing the reinstitution of the service and the adjusted schedule.

Mayor Freeland expressed his pleasure with the reinstitution of the bus service and said he hopes it will now work smoothly for the Seniors.

Re: Correspondence:

The Mayor and Council noted the following items of correspondence:

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1. HRC, Report on Community Forums

Councilwoman Hovsepian said she felt the Community Forums were very well done and the recommendations of the Human Rights Commission merit Mayor and Council consideration. Councilman Duncan asked when the work session is planned with the Human Rights Commission. The staff said it would be as soon as it can be arranged with the HRC's vacation schedule. Mayor Freeland asked that this HRC report be passed on to the Housing Authority, the Education Commission and Housing Policy Task Force and any other interested group.

2. M.K. Turkington, thank you for MML gift

3. Petition from Senior Associates requesting public phone at Civic Center

Councilwoman Hovsepian said she hopes the City Manager will look into this request.

4. M.L. Scott, commending City employee

Councilwoman Hovsepian agreed with the commendation of Mr. Cutro

5. P. Lee, ERCA, re thank you for cooperation

6. Delegate Gordon, re deinstitutionalization legislation

7. Maryland Historical Trust re update on status of application

Councilwoman Hovsepian asked for clarification on this application. Sue Collett of the Historic District Commission made the clarifications to the Council explaining there are matching funds involved.

8. D.J. Crawford, re school boundaries

9. T.M. Carroll, re RM lights

Councilman Tyner asked for staff comments on the lighted ball field at Richard Montgomery High School.

10. In-B-Tweeners, thank you

11. County Executive, re Bill 19-83, Reuse of former school buildings

Re: Citizen's Forum

The Mayor opened the meeting to those citizens who wished to address the Mayor and Council:

1. Steve Fisher. Mr. Fisher said he met with Mr. LaFever at Maryvale to look at storm water plans there and noticed a good deal of dry rot on the gazebo structure and suggested the staff look into this.

There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the citizen's forum portion of the meeting.

Re: Information Items

1. Flyers for Moonlight 8K run - 7/16

2. Progress report on Lincoln Prk NPG

3. Memo re implementation of project to extend Coldspring Road
4. Community Resources Quarterly Report
Councilwoman Hovsepian noted a reference to Housing issues and asked how much of this pertained to the Rockville Housing Authority. Mr. Hobbs said he would get a report from the staff on this.
5. New Mark Commons news release
6. Letter complaining about bus trip
7. Memo from Public Works re Rt. 28 sidewalk
Councilwoman Hovsepian noted that sidewalks are needed to encourage walking. It would be better to have them.
8. Memo from City Attorney re cable television
Councilman Duncan asked that this be forwarded to Ann Bushart of Chevy Chase.
9. Project tracking system report
10. Notification of Board of Education briefing
Councilwoman Hovsepian said she would like to attend this briefing. Councilman Duncan would also.
- 11.. Response to citizen complaint
12. Memo re legislative action requests
Councilman Tyner asked if the staff has any legislation requests. Mr. Hobbs said not at this time.
13. Memo on development of Maryvale school site
14. Memo re Repairs at Courthouse Square Apartments
15. Memo re BOCA/Plans Review article
Councilwoman Hovsepian said it is good to see the City staff involved in the writing of such an article.

Re: New Business

1. Councilman Duncan asked when the Housing Authority's handbook would be available. There did not seem to be exact information on the status of the handbook at this time. The Mayor and Council would like more information as to tenant association review since the handbook's readability is one of the most important things. The Mayor said he would like to have a schedule of the production of the handbooks forwarded to the Mayor and Council and the schedule should include who is doing which tasks on the book's publication.

2. Councilman Tyner asked for a report from the staff on Art in the Parks and the Gude Drive art piece project. He is meeting with the Cultural Arts Commission soon.

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Re: Public Hearing: SCA-44-83,
Street Abandonment Application,
Mayor and Council of Rockville,
Applicant, requesting the
abandonment of a public way,
Cairo Street, north of Middle
Lane between North Washington
Street and Hungerford Drive

Re: Public Hearing: SCA-45-83,
Street Abandonment Application,
Mayor and Council of Rockville,
Applicant, requesting the
abandonment of a right-of-way
easement running from E. Mont-
gomery Ave. to E. Middle Lane

On motion of Councilman Tyner, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, the Council agreed to consolidate the two public hearings.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on SCA-44-83, Street Abandonment Application and SCA-45-83, Street Abandonment Application, and heard those persons as will be found in the official stenographic transcript of the hearing. There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the hearing with the record to be held open for one week.

Re: Public Hearing: SCA-46-83,
Street Abandonment Application,
Michael Shaffer, Applicant,
requesting the abandonment of a
portion of Bouic Circle

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Street Closing Abandonment Application, SCA-46-83, and heard those persons as will be found in the official stenographic transcript of the hearing. There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the hearing with the record to be held open for 30 days.

The Mayor and Council asked that the Traffic and Transportation Commission review this application and forward their comments to be made part of the record.

Re: Public Hearing: Proposed
Ordinance to regulate landlord/
tenant matters including
licensing and the establishment
of a Landlord Tenant Commission

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to regulate landlord/tenant matters, including the licensing and the establishment of a Landlord Tenant Commission, and heard those persons as will be found in the

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At this time, Senator Frank Shore addressed the Council and told of his recent visit to Rockville's Sister City - Pinneberg - and presented the Mayor and Council with pictures of the old and new City Hall in Pinneberg.

Re: Introduction of Ordinance:
To grant Map Amendment Application, M-33-83, Mayor and Council, Applicant, establishing a Historic District for the Dawson farmhouses

On motion of Councilwoman Hovsepian, there was introduced upon the table, an ordinance to grant Map Amendment Application, M-33-83, establishing a Historic District for the Dawson Farmhouses, said ordinance to lay over at least one week before final action is taken.

Re: Review of draft testimony on proposed County zoning classification MXP zone (Mixed Use Zone which can be applied to Washington to Country Club property)

Councilman Tyner suggested modifications on pages 1 and 3.

On motion of Councilwoman Hovsepian, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, the Council approved the testimony.

Re: Approval of Memo of Understanding with Montgomery County re operation of Mobile Crisis Team

Councilwoman Hovsepian said she is delighted to see something like this in the works. A situation that is not dealt with at the present time can be handled in the future.

On motion of Councilman Tyner, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, the Council approved the Memo of Understanding.

Re: Continuation of New Business

3. Councilwoman Hovsepian said she has just returned from a trip under the Elder Hostel program and visited the countries of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. She presented remembrances of those countries to the Mayor and Council and staff.

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Re: Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Hovsepian, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, the Minutes of Meeting No. 22-83, June 13, 1983, were approved as written.

Re: Executive Session

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and passed, the meeting was closed for executive session to discuss personnel and property disposition.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m. to convene again in executive session on Friday, July 15, 1983, at 7:15 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.